The Road Not Taken, by Robert Frost

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.
Reading Questions
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**Directions:** Answer one of the following questions in a five-paragraph essay according to the essay template handout. Work with your group members to outline your essay, then use the essay format to write a complete essay.

1. What do you consider when you reach a “fork in the road” and need to make a decision as to which path to take in your life?

2. What are the benefits and risks of taking the “road less traveled?”

3. What motivates you to move forward?